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## Crews spend 5th day atop shaky pile of collapsed concrete

By TERRY SPENCER and RUSS BYNUM

**SURFSIDE, Fla. (AP)** — Rescuers searching for a fifth day for survivors of a Florida condo building collapse used bucket brigades and heavy machinery Monday as they worked atop a precarious mound of pulverized concrete, twisted steel and the remnants of dozens of households.

Authorities said the efforts are still a search-and-rescue operation, but no one has been found alive since hours after the collapse on Thursday. Ten people have been confirmed killed, and more than 150 others are still missing in the community of Surfside, just outside Miami.

The pancake collapse of the 12-story building left

layer upon layer of intertwined debris, frustrating efforts to reach anyone who may have survived in a pocket of space.

"Every time there's an action, there's a reaction," Miami-Dade Assistant Fire Chief Raide Jadallah said during a news conference. "It's not an issue of we could just attach a couple of cords to a concrete boulder and lift it and call it a day." Some of the concrete pieces are smaller, the size of basketballs or baseballs.

Underscoring the dangerous nature of the work, he noted that families who rode buses to visit the site on Sunday witnessed a rescuer tumble 25 feet down the pile.

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## SEARCH AND RESCUE



Crews work in the rubble at the Champlain Towers South Condo, Sunday, June 27, 2021, in Surfside, Fla.

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Workers and victims must both be considered, he said.

"It's going to take time," he said. "It's not going to happen overnight. It's a 12-story building."

The intense effort includes firefighters, sniffer dogs and search experts using radar and sonar devices.

Early Monday, a crane lifted a large slab of concrete from the debris pile, enabling about 30 rescuers in hard hats to move in and carry smaller pieces of debris into red buckets, which are emptied into a larger bin for a crane to remove. The work has been complicated by intermittent rain showers, but the fires that hampered the initial search have been extinguished.

Jimmy Patronis, Florida's chief financial officer and state fire marshal, said it was the largest deployment of such resources in Florida history that was not due to a hurricane. He said the same number of people were on the ground in Surfside as during Hurricane

Michael, a devastating Category 5 hurricane that hit 12 counties in 2018.

"They're working around the clock," Patronis said. "They're working 12 hours at a time, midnight to noon to midnight."

Andy Alvarez, a deputy in-



Workers search the rubble at the Champlain Towers South condo, Monday, June 28, 2021, in Surfside, Fla. Many people were still unaccounted for after Thursday's fatal collapse.

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cident commander with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, told ABC's "Good Morning America" that rescuers have been able to find some voids, or spaces, inside the wreckage, mostly in the basement and the parking garage.

"We have over 80 rescuers at a time that are breaching the walls that collapsed, in a frantic effort to try to rescue those that are still viable and to get to those voids that we typically know exist in these buildings," Alvarez said.

"We have been able to tunnel through the building," Alvarez added. "This is a frantic search to seek that hope, that miracle, to see who we can bring out of this building alive."

Others who have seen the wreckage up close were daunted by the task ahead. Alfredo Lopez, who lived with his wife in a sixth-floor corner apartment and narrowly escaped, said he finds it hard to believe anyone is alive in the rubble.

"If you saw what I saw: nothingness. And then, you go over there and you see,

like, all the rubble. How can somebody survive that?" Lopez told The Associated Press.

While most rescue teams were from the area, others came from elsewhere, including a small group of rescue workers from the Mexican group Cadena International.

The group was using a suitcase-size device that uses microwave radar to "see" through concrete slabs and pick up heartbeats and other sounds up to 40 feet inside and under the rubble. But as of Monday, the group had not detected any heartbeats or sounds, said Ricardo Aizenman.

"We are still working all the way, and we are hopeful for a miracle," he said, adding that the best window for rescue is in the first 72 hours.

After that time, hydration becomes the biggest challenge, he said. He added that the on-and-off rain happening since the collapse could actually help as a source of water.

"People can live up to 15, 16 days with only water," Barbera said.

drops of water," he said. "There are still chances. We have to keep up the high hopes." Authorities on Monday insisted they are not losing hope.

"We're going to continue and work ceaselessly to exhaust every possible option in our search," Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said Monday.

Deciding to transition from search-and-rescue work to a recovery operation is agonizing, said Dr. Joseph A. Barbera, a professor at George Washington University. That decision is fraught with considerations, he said, that only those on the ground can make.

Barbera coauthored a study examining disasters where some people survived under rubble for prolonged periods of time. He has also advised teams on where to look for potential survivors and when to conclude "that the probability of continued survival is very, very small."

"It's an incredibly difficult decision, and I've never had to make that decision," Barbera said. □

As time goes on, he said, teams will begin a process called "rapid delayering, where you take more risk by moving larger amounts of rubble, because you recognize you're running up against the time factor for survival."

How long a person can survive depends on a host of issues, including the availability of water, the severity of any injuries and the degree to which they are trapped, Barbera said.

"The human dimension is huge -- the uncertainty that you could be leaving someone alive behind by ending too early," Barbera said. "Families continue to have hope, as do rescuers, which is why you continue to see them pushing so hard within these difficult conditions."

The ultimate decision to move into the recovery phase, he said, will have to be made "with the involvement of the political authority because they're the ultimate authority over this." The building collapsed just days before a deadline for condo owners to start making steep payments toward more than \$9 million in repairs that had been recommended nearly three years earlier, in a report that warned of "major structural damage."

A federal team of scientists and engineers who examine structural failures are conducting a preliminary investigation at the site and will determine whether to launch a full probe of what caused the building to come down. The National Institute of Standards and Technology also investigated disasters such as the collapse of the twin towers on 9/11, Hurricane Maria's devastation in Puerto Rico and a Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed 100 people. Previous investigations have taken years to complete. □

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## Juul to pay \$40M in N. Carolina teen vaping suit settlement

By GARY D. ROBERTSON

**DURHAM N.C. (AP)** — Electronic cigarette giant Juul Labs Inc. will pay \$40 million to North Carolina and take more action to prevent underage use and sales, according to a landmark legal settlement announced Monday after years of accusations that the company had fueled an explosion in teen vaping.

A state judge accepted the first-of-its-kind agreement with a state. North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein had sued Juul, accusing it of employing unfair and deceptive practices that targeted young people to use its vaping products, which deliver addictive nicotine. The lawsuit had been scheduled for trial next month.

As part of the agreement, Juul will not advertise to anyone under 21 in North Carolina, including through social media, and will limit sales amounts of Juul products online to any state residents. It will also sell its products only behind counters at retailers that have ID scanners to ensure customers are of age.

Teen use of e-cigarettes skyrocketed more than 70% after Juul's launch in 2015, leading the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to declare an "epidemic" of



Juul attorney Andrew McGann, right, and Andy Penry, left, an attorney for the state, converse before a hearing regarding the state's case against the e-cigarette company at the Durham County Courthouse in downtown Durham, N.C. on Monday, June 28, 2021.

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underage vaping among teenagers. Health experts said the unprecedented increase risked hooking a generation of young people on nicotine, an addictive chemical that is harmful to the developing brain. "Juul sparked and spread a disease — the disease of nicotine addiction. They did it to teenagers across North Carolina and this country simply to make money," Stein, a Democrat, said after a brief court hearing. "Today's court order will go a long way to-

wards ensuring that their e-cigarettes product is not in kids' hands, its chemical vapor is out of their lungs, and that the nicotine does not poison or addict their brains."

Juul, which is partially owned by Altria Group Inc., has seen sales fall after already halting all advertising and social media promotion and pulling most of its flavors except for menthol. "This settlement is consistent with our ongoing effort to reset our company and its relationship with our stake-

holders, as we continue to combat underage usage and advance the opportunity for harm reduction for adult smokers," Juul said in a statement after the court hearing. "We seek to continue to earn trust through action."

Several states have filed their own lawsuits against Juul. A group of 39 state attorneys general have been cooperatively investigating the company's marketing and products since February 2020.

Juul also faces hundreds

of personal injury lawsuits from customers and families of young people who said they were hurt or addicted by the company's products. Those have been consolidated in a California federal case.

Juul already had taken a legal beating this spring in the North Carolina case. Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson declared in May that the company had destroyed documents and ignored court orders, leading to possible massive monetary sanctions.

Teen vaping dropped significantly last year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In a national survey, just under 20% of high school students said they were recent users of electronic cigarettes and other vaping products, down from about 28% in 2019.

Experts point to restrictions on flavors along with a new federal law that raised the age limit for all tobacco and vaping sales to 21.

Anti-vaping advocates welcomed the decision. But they said more restrictions are needed to curb teen use, including banning menthol from Juul and all other e-cigarettes. Stein also urged the FDA to step in. □

## U.S. judge: Rep. Boebert can block people on personal Twitter

**DENVER (AP)** — A federal judge ruled last week that Republican U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert does not have to unblock a former Democratic Colorado state lawmaker from her personal Twitter account.

U.S. District Court Judge Daniel D. Domenico said in his decision Thursday that Boebert, who represents the state's 3rd Congressional District, did not violate the free speech rights of former state Rep. Bri Buentello because Boebert blocked Buentello from her personal Twitter account — and did not block Buentello from Boebert's official government account, The Colorado Sun reported.

"Blocking a Twitter user on

an account created before she was elected to office is something Ms. Boebert could do before she was in office and could do after she leaves office," said Domenico, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump.

Buentello filed her lawsuit in January after she was blocked by Boebert after calling for Boebert's recall following the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Buentello's lawyers argued that since Boebert uses her personal Twitter account to share official policy positions, it is unlawful for her to block constituents from seeing the account.

Although Domenico denied in his ruling a prelimi-

nary injunction for Boebert to unblock Buentello from the Twitter account, it's not the final ruling on the case. David Lane, an attorney representing Buentello, said they will make a decision on whether to continue litigating the case this week. "It is a blow to our freedom of speech when a politician using a platform such as Twitter can block voices of dissent which she disagrees with and the courts won't intervene to stop this First Amendment violation," Lane said.

Boebert has links to the baseless QAnon conspiracy theory and has sought to overturn President-elect Joe Biden's victory. She gained attention for pledg-



In this June 23, 2021 file photo Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., speaks at a news conference at the Capitol in Washington.

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ing to carry a gun in the Capitol.

Buentello lives in Boebert's district and served a single

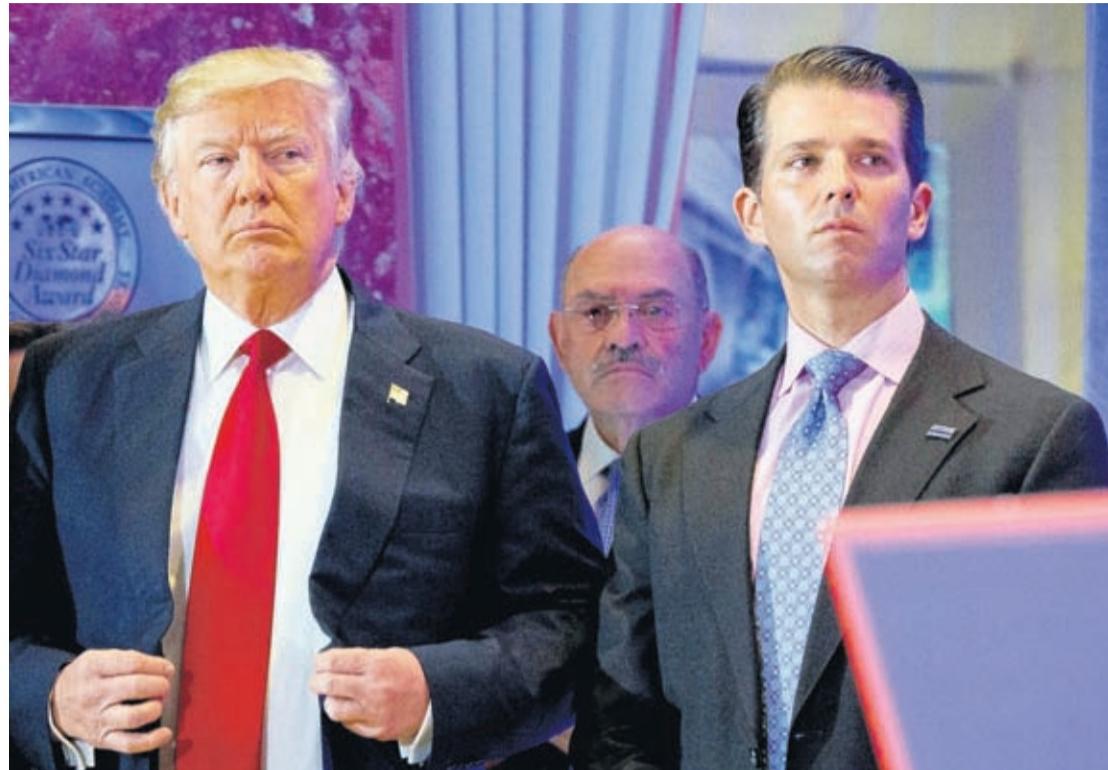
term in the state House of Representatives before losing a reelection bid last November. □

# Trump Org lawyers make last pitch against prosecution

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Lawyers for the Trump Organization met again Monday with prosecutors in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in a last bid to forestall a potential indictment stemming from a long-running investigation into the former president's company. Trump Organization lawyer Ron Fischetti told The Associated Press the meeting came as a grand jury nears a vote on an indictment this week following a more than two-year investigation into Trump's business affairs. He said prosecutors have told him Trump himself will not be charged at this time — "at least not with what's coming down this week" — but added the investigation is continuing.

"There is no indictment coming down this week against the former president," Fischetti said in a telephone interview Monday. "I can't say he's out of the woods yet completely." Another person familiar with the investigation confirmed there were communications between defense lawyers and prosecutors on Monday. The person declined to give any details of



In this Jan. 11, 2017, photo, President-elect Donald Trump, left, his chief financial officer Allen Weisselberg, center, and his son Donald Trump Jr., right, attend a news conference in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York.

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the talks.

Such final exchanges are considered formalities that rarely change the course of an investigation in a late stage, suggesting the grand jury is near a vote. The person was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The Manhattan district attorney's office declined comment.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. has been investigating Trump's business affairs for more than two years. In recent months, investigators have focused on fringe benefits the company gave to top executives, such as use

of apartments, cars and school tuition.

Investigators have scrutinized Trump's tax records, subpoenaed documents and interviewed witnesses, including Trump insiders and company executives. Fischetti, who did not attend Monday's meeting, said the gathering had been arranged "for the

Trump Organization — not Donald Trump himself."

"We're just waiting," Fischetti said, adding he expects to know this week whether charges will be brought.

The prospective charges this week, he said, "are limited to a couple of Trump Org employees who didn't declare taxes on fringe benefits" they received. The company itself also could be charged, he added.

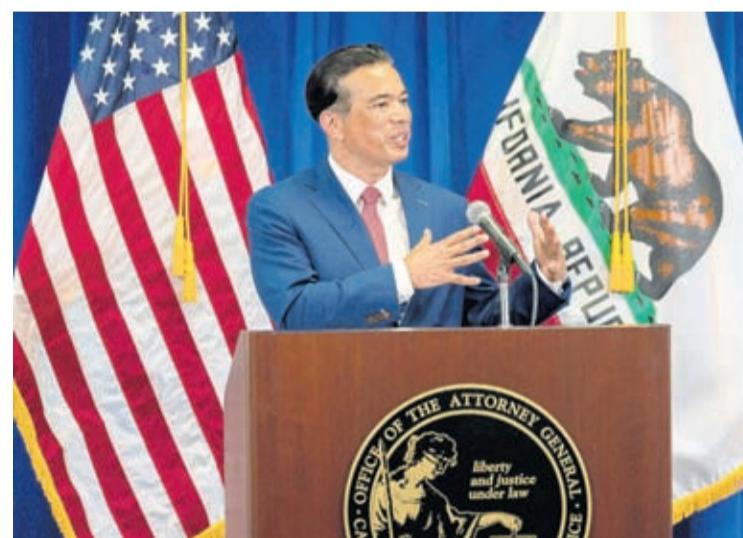
Lawyers representing Donald Trump's company also met virtually with prosecutors for more than 90 minutes last Thursday.

It isn't illegal for a company to offer employees tuition help, lease them cars or let them use company-owned apartments, but such arrangements can be subject to income tax.

Fischetti has called the possibility of charges "absolutely outrageous" and politically motivated. He said it would be extremely unusual for prosecutors to seek criminal charges over unpaid tax on fringe benefits.

Some of the scrutiny has been focused on long-time Trump Organization chief financial officer Allen Weisselberg. □

# California bans state travel to Florida, 4 other states



In this April 23, 2021, file photo, California Attorney General Rob Bonta speaks in Sacramento, Calif.

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — California added five more states, including Florida, to the list of places where state-funded travel is banned because of laws that discriminate against members of the LGBTQ

community, the state attorney general announced Monday. Democratic Attorney General Rob Bonta added Florida, Arkansas, Montana, North Dakota and West Virginia to the list that now

has 17 states where state employee travel is forbidden except under limited circumstances.

"Make no mistake: We're in the midst of an unprecedented wave of bigotry and discrimination in this country — and the State of California is not going to support it," Bonta said.

Lawmakers in 2016 banned non-essential travel to states with laws that discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The 12 other states on the list are: Texas, Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Kentucky, North Carolina, Kansas, Mississippi, Tennessee.

The five states newly added to the list have introduced bills in their legislatures this year that prevent transgender women and girls

from participating in school sports consistent with their gender identity, block access to health care and allow the discrimination of the LGBTQ community, Bonta said.

Florida, Montana, Arkansas, and West Virginia passed laws that prevent transgender women and girls from participating in school sports consistent with their gender identity.

North Dakota signed into law a bill allowing certain publicly-funded student organizations to restrict LGBTQ students from joining without losing funding.

Arkansas passed the first law in the nation to prohibit physicians from providing gender-affirming healthcare to transgender minors — regardless of the wishes of parents or whether a physician deems such care

to be medically necessary. These lawmakers "would rather demonize trans youth than focus on solving real issues like tackling gun violence beating back this pandemic and rebuilding our economy," Bonta said.

The state law has exemptions for some trips, such as travel needed to enforce California law and to honor contracts signed before the states were added to the list. Travel to conferences or out-of-state training are examples of trips that can be blocked.

It's unclear what effect California's travel ban will have. Bonta did not have information about how many state agencies have stopped sending state employees to the states on the list or the financial impact of California's travel ban on those states. □

# U.S. warns that Islamic State extremists still a world threat

By MATTHEW LEE  
AP Diplomatic Writer

**ROME (AP)** — As the U.S. works on its military withdrawal from Afghanistan, members of the global coalition fighting the Islamic State group met Monday to chart future steps against the extremist group.

The meeting came just a day after the U.S. launched airstrikes against Iran-backed militias near the Iraq-Syria border.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio co-chaired the gathering of senior officials from the seven-year-old, 83-member bloc. Participants were taking stock of current efforts to ensure the complete defeat of IS, whose remnants still pose a threat in Iraq and Syria and have shown signs of surging in parts of Africa.

Amid significant other international priorities, including taming the coronavirus pandemic and stepping up the fight against climate change, the coalition is hoping to stabilize areas liberated from IS, repatriate and hold foreign fighters accountable for their actions and combat extremist messaging.

Blinken and Di Maio urged representatives of the 77 other countries and five or-



Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Italy's Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio, left, arrive for a news conference at Fiera Roma in Rome, Monday, June 28, 2021.

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ganizations that make up the coalition not to drop their guard.

"We must step up the action taken by the coalition, increasing the areas in which we can operate," said Di Maio.

Outside of Iraq and Syria, he said there was an "alarming" surge in IS activity, particularly in the Sahel, Mozambique and the Horn of Africa. He called for the coalition to create a special mechanism to deal

with the threat in Africa. Blinken noted that despite their defeat, IS elements in Iraq and Syria "still aspire to conduct large-scale attacks."

"Together, we must stay as committed to our stabilization goals as we did to our military campaign that resulted in victory on the battlefield," he said.

Blinken announced a new U.S. contribution of \$436 million to assist displaced people in Syria and sur-

rounding countries and called for a new effort to repatriate — and rehabilitate or prosecute — some 10,000 IS fighters who remain imprisoned by the Syrian Defense Forces.

"This situation is simply untenable," Blinken said. "It just can't persist indefinitely." However, no countries present made any new commitment to repatriating their citizens and it was unclear if the number of detainees could be re-

duced in any significant way in the near-term.

Blinken also announced sanctions against Ousmane Illiassou Djibo, a native of Niger, who is a key leader of the Islamic State affiliate in the greater Sahara. Djibo was designated a global terrorist, meaning that any of his U.S. are frozen and Americans are barred from any transactions with him. In addition to the meeting on IS, foreign ministers of countries concerned about the broader conflict in Syria met in Rome ahead of a critical U.N. vote on whether to maintain a humanitarian aid corridor from Turkey. Russia has resisted reauthorizing the channel amid stalled peace talks between the Syrian government and rebel groups.

Two senior U.S. officials said Blinken told the Syria conference that the U.S. believes the corridor must be reauthorized and expanded to prevent more deaths. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly discuss the private diplomatic conversations, said Blinken made clear that any U.S.-Russia cooperation on Syria would be dependent on Moscow agreeing to the extension. Russia, however, wasn't present at the meeting. □

## Ethiopia declares immediate, unilateral cease-fire in Tigray

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — Ethiopia's government on Monday declared an immediate, unilateral cease-fire in its Tigray region after nearly eight months of deadly conflict and as hundreds of thousands of people face the world's worst famine crisis in a decade.

The statement carried by state media came shortly after the Tigray interim administration, appointed by the federal government, fled the regional capital, Mekele, and called for a cease-fire on humanitarian grounds so that desperately needed aid can be delivered.

The cease-fire "will enable

farmers to till their land, aid groups to operate without any military movement around and engage with remnants (of Tigray's former ruling party) who seek peace," Ethiopia's statement said, adding that efforts to bring Tigray's former leaders to justice continue.

Ethiopia said the cease-fire will last until the end of the crucial planting season in Tigray. The season's end comes in September. The government ordered all federal and regional authorities to respect the cease-fire.

"The government has the responsibility to find a political solution to the prob-

lem," the head of the interim administration, Abraham Belay, said in calling for the cease-fire, adding that some elements within Tigray's former ruling party are willing to engage with the federal government. There was no immediate comment from the Tigray fighters.

The region in recent days has seen some of the fiercest fighting of the conflict, and some Mekele residents on Monday cheered the arrival of Tigray forces. Thousands of people have been killed in the conflict as Ethiopian and allied forces pursue Tigray's former leaders and their supporters, and as humanitar-



In this Thursday, May 6, 2021 file photo, the city of Mekele is seen through a bullet hole in a stairway window of the Ayder Referral Hospital, in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia.

Associated Press

ian groups plead for more access to the region of 6 million people. International pressure on Ethiopia

spiked again last week after a military airstrike on a busy market in Tigray killed more than 60 people. □

## U.N. rights chief: Reparations needed for people facing racism

**GENEVA (AP)** — The U.N. human rights chief, in a landmark report launched after the killing of George Floyd in the United States, is urging countries worldwide to do more to help end discrimination, violence and systemic racism against people of African descent and "make amends" to them — including through reparations.

The report from Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, offers a sweeping look at the roots of centuries of mistreatment faced by Africans and people of African descent, notably from the transatlantic slave trade. It seeks a "transformative" approach to address its continued impact today.

The report, a year in the making, hopes to build on momentum around the recent, intensified scrutiny worldwide about the blight of racism and its impact on people of African descent as epitomized by the high-profile killings of unarmed Black people in the United States and elsewhere.

"There is today a momentous opportunity to achieve a turning point for racial equality and justice," the report said.

The report aims to speed up action by countries to end racial injustice; end impunity for rights violations by po-



In this Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 file photo Michelle Bachelet, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, speaks during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Associated Press

lice; ensure that people of African descent and those who speak out against racism are heard; and face up to past wrongs through accountability and redress.

"I am calling on all states to stop denying — and start dismantling — racism; to end impunity and build trust; to listen to the voices of people of African descent; and to confront past legacies and deliver redress," Bachelet said in a video statement.

While broaching the issue of reparation in her most explicit way yet, Bachelet

suggested that monetary compensation alone is not enough and would be part of an array of measures to help rectify or make up for the injustices.

"Reparations should not only be equated with financial compensation," she wrote, adding that it should include restitution, rehabilitation, acknowledgement of injustices, apologies, memorialization, educational reforms and "guarantees" that such injustices won't happen again.

Bachelet, a former president of Chile, hailed the

efforts of advocacy groups like the Black Lives Matter movement, saying they helped provide "grassroots leadership through listening to communities" and that they should receive "funding, public recognition and support."

The U.N.-backed Human Rights Council commissioned the report during a special session last year following the murder of Floyd, a Black American who was killed by a white police officer in Minneapolis in May 2020. The officer, Derek Chauvin, was sentenced

to 22 1/2 years in prison last week.

Protests erupted after excruciating bystander video showed how Floyd gasped repeatedly, "I can't breathe!" as onlookers yelled at Chauvin to stop pressing his knee on Floyd's neck.

The protests against Floyd's killing and the "momentous" verdict against Chauvin are a "seminal point in the fight against racism," the report said.

The report was based on discussions with over 340 people — mostly of African descent — and experts; more than 100 contributions in writing, including from governments; and review of public material, the rights office said.

It analyzed 190 deaths, mostly in the U.S., to show how law enforcement officers are rarely held accountable for rights violations and crimes against people of African descent, and it noted similar patterns of mistreatment by police across many countries.

The report ultimately aims to transform those opportunities into a more systemic response by governments to address racism, and not just in the United States — although the injustices and legacy of slavery, racism and violence faced by African Americans was clearly a major theme. □

## Russia, China declare friendship treaty extension, hail ties



Russian President Vladimir Putin talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, on the screen, via video conference in Moscow, Russia, Monday, June 28, 2021.

Associated Press

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
MOSCOW (AP) — The lead-

ers of Russia and China on Monday hailed increasing-

ly close ties between their countries and announced the extension of a 20-year-old friendship treaty, a show of unity amid their tensions with the West.

Speaking in a video call with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the treaty signed in July 2001 in Moscow helped take relations between Moscow and Beijing to an "unprecedented height" and would be extended for another five years.

The Russian leader noted that the coordination of foreign policy efforts by Russia and China has played a "stabilizing role in global af-

fairs."

Xi in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of a "strategic cooperation" between Moscow and Beijing in defending their common interests on the global stage. He added that Russia and China have worked to uphold a "true multilateralism and global justice."

Putin and Xi have developed strong personal ties to bolster a "strategic partnership" between the two former Communist rivals as they vie with the West for influence and face soaring tensions in relations with the U.S. and its allies. While Moscow and Beijing in the past

rejected the possibility of forging a military alliance, Putin said last fall that such a prospect can't be ruled out entirely.

During Monday's call, Putin congratulated Xi on the 100th anniversary of the Communist Party of China celebrated Thursday, saying that China is marking it with "new achievements in the country's social-economic development and on the international stage" and recalling Soviet support for the Chinese communists.

Moscow marked the CPC's centennial by sharing historic documents on Soviet-Chinese links with Beijing. □

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Residents observe blood at the scene where a suicide bomber on Sunday night detonated his explosives at a busy intersection, in Beni, Congo Monday, June 28, 2021.

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## Two explosions hit Congo's eastern city of Beni

By AL-HADJI KUDRA MALIRO and JEAN-YVES KAMALE

**BENI, Congo (AP)** — Congo on Monday banned public gatherings for two days in Beni, after the eastern city was hit by two explosions. A suicide bomber detonated his explosives at a busy intersection in Beni on Sunday, the same day another explosion rocked a Catholic church, authorities said. Neither bomb killed any civilians, but the government closed major gathering spaces for two days and imposed restrictions on public meetings as a precaution against further explosions.

The suicide bomber has been identified as a Ugandan who was a member of the Allied Democratic Forces rebels, according to Congolese army spokesman Lt. Anthony Mwalushay.

The suicide bombing was the first such attack in Beni, worrying authorities who noted the longtime ADF rebel group has in the past few years pledged allegiance to the Islamic State. □

"We arrested two suspects and intercepted their communications," Mwalushay said Monday. "I call on the population to be calm and to be very vigilant." Schools, markets and churches are closed for 48 hours in Beni, he said. "We do not want a crowd of more than 10 people for security reasons to avoid falling into the trap of the new modus operandi of the Ugandan ADF rebels in Beni," he said. A bomb had also exploded early Sunday at a Catholic church in Beni's Butsili district in Beni. No one was killed, but two people were seriously injured.

"We were about to open the doors of the church to allow the faithful to participate in mass. We heard a bomb inside the church. Two people were already there for morning prayer," said Mathe Kombi Victoire who works at the church. This is the third attack in 2021 on a religious target, according to military and government authorities who noted that two imams were killed by ADF rebels earlier in the year. □

## Moscow court rejects appeal from imprisoned American

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A Moscow court on Monday rejected an imprisoned American's appeal against his nine-year sentence for assaulting police officers. The Moscow City Court upheld the sentence issued last year by a lower court, which convicted Trevor Reed for an altercation in August 2019 in Moscow, where he was studying Russian and visiting his girlfriend.

"I regret that the appellate court has not corrected this gross injustice, but it does not in any way affect the seriousness with which I and the U.S. government will continue to pursue this matter for Trevor to get him released so that he can go home and be with his family," U.S. Ambassador John Sullivan told reporters outside the court after attending the hearing.

Reed was accused of assaulting police officers who were driving him to a police station after picking him up following a night of heavy drinking at a party. The United States has sought his release, saying the evidence against him was weak.

Asked about Reed in a recent interview with NBC News, Russian President Vladimir Putin called him a "drunk and a troublemaker."

Reed was diagnosed with COVID-19 in May. Earlier this month, the U.S. Embassy protested the lack of consular access to him during his hospitalization and said he had been repeatedly denied phone calls to his family or embassy personnel.

"My colleagues and I were able to speak with Trevor today," Sullivan said after the court hearing. "He is doing as well as can be ex-



U.S. Ambassador to Russia John Sullivan speaks to the media after attending a court session of Trevor Reed, in front of the Moscow City Court in Moscow, Russia, Monday, June 28, 2021.

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pected under the circumstance. He's a remarkable and resilient young man."

U.S. President Joe Biden said Whelan and Reed are

being "wrongfully imprisoned" in Russia and raised their plight with Putin at their summit in Geneva earlier this month. □

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## Vaccination of young people between the ages of 12 and 15 with a (chronic) disease

ORANJESTAD – As of June 23, 2021, the Public Health Department started vaccinating the following target group, namely young people aged 12 to 15 with an illness or health condition.

The young people who suffer from the following diseases or health conditions can register and make an appointment on telephone numbers 280-0101 or 522-4200.

The diseases are:

1. Patient with respiratory/lung disease (asthma);
2. Patients with heart disease, arrhythmia who have had heart surgery or have had a heart attack;
3. Patient with diabetes type 1 and 2;
4. Person with morbid obesity (body mass index (BMI) >30);
5. Patients with chronic kidney disease (patient on dialysis);
6. People in poor health as a result of illness or medical treatment, for example young people who have recently had a bone marrow transplant, young people with HIV/AIDS, young people who have had their spleens removed. Young people who are in

poor health as a result of an autoimmune disease or who are receiving immune suppressive treatment for this condition, young people with leukemia and young people receiving chemotherapy or radiation.

7. Young people between 12 and 15 years who use salicylates (eg with chronic intestinal problems);
8. Individuals with an intellectual development disorder (mental deficiency) who are clients of institutions or live in long-term care facilities;
9. Patients with an immune deficiency disorder and or who are taking immune-suppressing drugs;
10. Individuals with Down syndrome;
11. Persons with second degree obesity (body mass index (BMI) between 35 – 40, also called severe obesity);
12. Individual cases in which, directly or indirectly, significant adverse effects on a person's health may arise and as a result the doctor may advise vaccination;
13. Healthy young people in the context of herd immunity, for example housemates who live with children or adults who belong to the vulnerable groups, people who can-



not receive a vaccine for medical reasons or who are not sufficiently protected after vaccination due to an immunological deficiency.

Parents who are unsure whether their teen falls under this risk group can contact their GP or specialist.

To make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination, you must call the Department of Public Health (DVG) on 2800100 or 522-4200. You do not need to bring a referral letter on the day of the vaccination. If necessary, the teen must be accompanied by one of his/her parents or guardian.

Only young people between the ages of 12 and 15 who fall under this risk group can currently be vaccinated. □

## Watch 'Ask Pilar': our videos show you the other Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Aruba Today offers a series of videos 'Ask Pilar' on their Facebook page Aruba Today and on the website www.arubatoday.com. Since the start, October 2019, more than 20 videos have been created. Let us introduce to you this project and present the people behind it.

Why a video? Besides offering our free daily newspaper, posts on Facebook and Instagram and our website content, we started evaluating the plans for short video's about a year ago. The concept was created by Editor-in-Chief Linda Reijnders to add variety to the product Aruba Today. "There is more to this island than palm trees and beaches and in our videos we wish to inform and educate the visitor by showing local places and characters of any kind. We are all new to this, the goal is not to deliver a technical perfect result, more to motivate our visitors

with the places we visit as well as transmitting the good energy coming from it." As the title of the video 'Ask Pilar' already shows, the viewer has the opportunity to actually ask about the topics shown, or even suggest a location for a video. Just ask our host Pilar on Facebook and we will let you know.

### The team

Pilar Flores, 35- years- old, is the jolly host of 'Ask Pilar'. She loves doing the videos because she gets to know many interesting places and meet a lot of nice people. "I hope with it that people will get to know and love Aruba the way us locals do."

The one capturing the images with his camera and editing them is our videographer Juan Luis Pinto Sotter, Marketing Major at the University of Aruba. "I chose marketing because I wanted a career that kept me physically and men-



tally active. As a marketer there is a lot of moving around, I can't begin to imagine what the real world will be like."

Video Director of 'Ask Pilar' is Linda Reijnders, Sales of Aruba Today. "I love working in the media, I love to write, create, connect, inform and educate. Working with young, talented and motivated people like Juan Luis and Pilar is a blessing to me. We really enjoy making these Aruba Peeks and we surely hope that rubs off on the viewer."

### Corona Street Talk

During the pandemic a new series of videos was launched, dedicated to the COVID-19 crisis where we show people in their daily life during the corona time. Take a look on the website and social media for this new series called Corona Street Talk.

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## After 3 weeks of renovation: Aquarius Restaurant is ready to welcome you back

ORANJESTAD – After 3 weeks of renovation, Aquarius, located at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, is ready to welcome you again. Aquarius, known as the #1 restaurant for their extensive seafood buffet and the place to be for your Sunday brunch, completed its renovation and is ready to serve you again. According to Diego Lemasson, Director of Beverage & Food; "We've created an extended modern, and dynamic new buffet station with even more options to choose from".

Once you enter Aquarius you'll see a bigger and better buffet station. Additional to its regular stations; salad, sushi, soup and hot-items stations, Aquarius added more to their buffet like a carving station, a salad preparation station, an ice cream station including an extended dessert station. New is the 'pure local' station dedicated to all local farmers, this way Aquarius wants to promote and encourage farmers to produce local, a little indigenous touch to the buffet for resort guests and local customers.



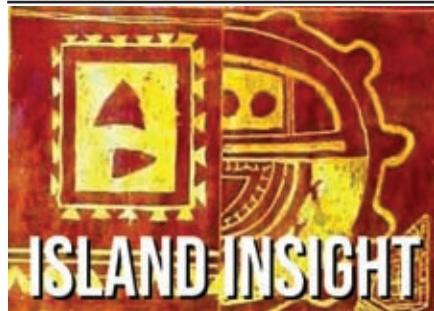
Aquarius is open every day serving breakfast starting at 7AM till 11:00AM. The lunch buffet opens at 12PM till 3:30PM and the famous seafood dinner buffet is available from 5:30PM till 11PM. Something sure not to miss is the Aquarius Sunday Brunch with free flowing mimosas. At night Aquarius will transform into DHABA. Spice up your dinner with sensational Indian flavors. An Indian inspired



dinner buffet with dancers and décor to set the ambiance for a dinner experience like no other, only on Sunday nights.

For more information, please follow Aquarius Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AquariusRestaurantAruba>. For reservations, please call +297 5236156.□





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## Island Ancestors

**NOORD** — By approximately 3000 to 2500 years groups of ago agro-potters from out the Amazon- Orinoco river basins started their journey spreading in a North Western direction. This they did mainly over land. Great obstacles had to be overcome during their journey. Other groups of these same areas chose the rivers to reach out to the Atlantic Ocean in to the Caribbean Sea. In time they perfected their vessels in to sea worthy canoes, capable to raveling alongside the coastline and the open sea, reaching the isles of the Antilles.

These tropical rain forest farmers were Arawakan speaking people who colonized the northern and coastal areas of South America and almost all the islands of the Caribbean Sea. Aruba was soon to be transformed in to an area where slash and burn or tropical forest agricultural techniques were introduced and practiced. This method of agriculture of clearing the land for agricultural purposes is associated with the cultivation of many tubers such as yuca, yams, sweet potatoes and probably some Musa varieties, like Bananas and . They cultivated many plants that could be grinded in to flour for the elaboration of their main staples such as arepa's, cachapas, ayacas, etc.

A more organized form of agriculture developed with the introduction of the American corn, a totally new crop that was developed in Mexico that changed the world. Also known as Indian corn or Zea Maize soon became the transformer of cultures, where simple and the ordinary use of clay is transformed in to the development of sophisticated ceramic artifacts of highly artistic mastery of the ceramic technics. In this way ceremonial ornaments where created in gratitude to the sprits of life and fertility's. Arubans are the descendant of South



American tropical-forest farmers. These became the heirs of the land and later the legendary Caquetian tribe. They received the Spaniards on their arrival, when the cross was brought from the main land. At that time an organized society had established itself, responding to the main chief who lived on the main land. History mentioned many of his frequent visits to his enchanted island.

Un like hunters and gatherers nomads before them, who had different sociocultural units consisting mainly



of kin-based populations structured along lines of age and sex, without much in the way of economic, political, or religious based social-status differentiation. Social controls were largely based on kinship rights and obligations of a moral nature, except in cases of certain military activities that were often under the temporary leadership of special chiefs. In contrast to sedentarism, the richer technology and production of agricultural surpluses enabled villages to remain in the same place for many years. They were supported by a more adequate and dependable food supply, which included maize (corn), beans, squash, manioc, and tropical vegetables and fruits, as well as the riches of the mangroves forests and the Caribbean Sea. The Caquetío and variants Caiquetio, or Caiquetia, are the Native Americans people of northwestern South America living along the shores of Lake Maracaibo at time of arrival of the Castilians, they conquered the islands Bonaire, Curacao and Aruba. □



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## Financial vital signs to monitor right now

By LIZ WESTON of NerdWallet

A midyear financial review is often a good idea. This year, it's almost essential. With people going back to offices, travel resuming and Congress making significant changes to various laws affecting your finances, consider taking some time to check in on your money. You might be able to make some smart moves to reflect the new realities.

### BUDGETING

See where your money is going now. Using a budgeting app or taking a close look at recent bank and credit card statements can help. Then think about expenses you may face in the near future.

If you're using your car more, for example, you might already be paying more for gas and insurance, but you also could face higher costs for maintenance or repairs. If you have kids, you might plan for back-to-school costs, sports equipment and activity fees. Vacations, travel, weddings and other celebrations may need to be budgeted for, as well.

It can make sense to trim some costs so you can afford these resurgent ex-

penses. One possibility: Rotate your streaming services and other subscriptions. These may have sustained you during lockdowns, but you could put some on pause now to save money while you continue to enjoy others. Perhaps you have more income: You're back to work after being unemployed, or you're a parent about to get the first of six monthly child tax credit checks from the IRS. (These payments will be up to \$300 per eligible child starting July 15). Making a plan for this income can ensure it goes where you want, rather than dribbling away in unplanned purchases.

### DEBT FORBEARANCE

Forbearance on federal student loans is scheduled to end this fall, with monthly payments resuming in October. If those payments would be a hardship, contact your lenders to see if income-driven repayment plans or other measures would help.

If you requested forbearance on your mortgage payment or other debt, that has an expiration date, as well. Debt that's in forbearance isn't forgiven, so you'll typically need to plan to make up the pay-

ments you missed. Check with your lender about your options.

### FLEXIBLE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Congress more than doubled how much employees can contribute to flexible spending accounts for child care in 2021. Workers can put in a maximum of \$10,500, up from \$5,000 in 2020. The limit for health care FSAs remains \$2,750. This year, you're also allowed to make midyear changes to your contributions to either account, something that normally requires a change in life circumstances such as marriage or having a child.

Your employer must opt in to these changes, but if it has and you can increase your contributions, you could save significantly on taxes.

### FREQUENT TRAVELER PROGRAMS

Last year airline, hotel and rental car companies softened the rules for their loyalty programs to reflect pandemic travel restrictions. Many extended the expiration deadlines for points, miles and free hotel night certificates. But the pause on expirations won't last forever. Check your re-



This undated file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for the personal finance website.

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wards programs and make plans to use your rewards before they disappear.

Similarly, you may have credits from canceled travel that also will expire if you don't use them. If you can't use those in time, request an extension.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

If you buy your own insurance, you may get a better deal on the Affordable Care Act exchanges now that Congress has expand-

ed the subsidies, reducing costs for most people. If you don't already have ACA coverage, there's currently a special enrollment period that ends Aug. 15. If you get unemployment benefits at any point during 2021, you can qualify for a zero-premium comprehensive policy. COBRA coverage to extend an employer health insurance plan is also free from April to September. □

## Honda changing course, will build its own electric vehicles

**DETROIT (AP)** — Although General Motors will build Honda's first two fully electric vehicles for North America, the Japanese automaker plans to change course and manufacture its own later this decade. Company officials say they're developing their own EV architecture, and after two GM-made EVs go on sale in 2024, Honda will start building its own.

"It's absolutely our intention to produce in our factories," Honda of America Executive Vice President Dave Gardner said, adding that Honda has developed battery manufacturing expertise from building gas-electric hybrids. "We absolutely intend to utilize that resource."

Honda and GM have been partners on hydrogen fuel

cell and electric vehicles. Earlier this year they announced that GM would build one Honda SUV and one Acura SUV using its Ultium-branded electric vehicle architecture and battery system. The company said the Honda SUV would be named the Prologue, and that both SUVs will have bodies, interiors and driving characteristics designed by Honda.

But after those two, Honda plans its own manufacturing for most of a series of electric vehicles, although it hasn't determined if it will use GM components.

Gardner says sales projections for the Prologue are between 40,000 and 150,000 per year, but he didn't say when those numbers would be reached. In April, the company said



This Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 file photo shows a Honda logo on a vehicle at the 2020 Pittsburgh International Auto Show in Pittsburgh.

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it plans to phase out all of its gasoline-powered vehicles in North America by 2040, making it the latest major automaker with a goal of becoming carbon neutral. Honda wants 40%

of North American vehicle sales to be battery or fuel-cell powered by 2030, and 80% of all vehicles sold to run on batteries or hydrogen by 2035. Honda initially had

planned to meet stricter government fuel economy and pollution standards by adding hybrids to improve internal combustion engines. But regulatory actions across the world to combat climate change, including proposals from U.S. President Joe Biden, have moved the company more toward electric vehicles, Gardner said.

Battery-electric vehicles accounted for less than 2% of U.S. new-vehicle sales last year, but analysts are predicting huge growth as automakers roll out new models. The consulting firm LMC Automotive expects nearly 359,000 to be sold this year, passing 1 million in 2023 and hitting over 4 million in 2030. Still, that's roughly one-quarter of annual new vehicle sales. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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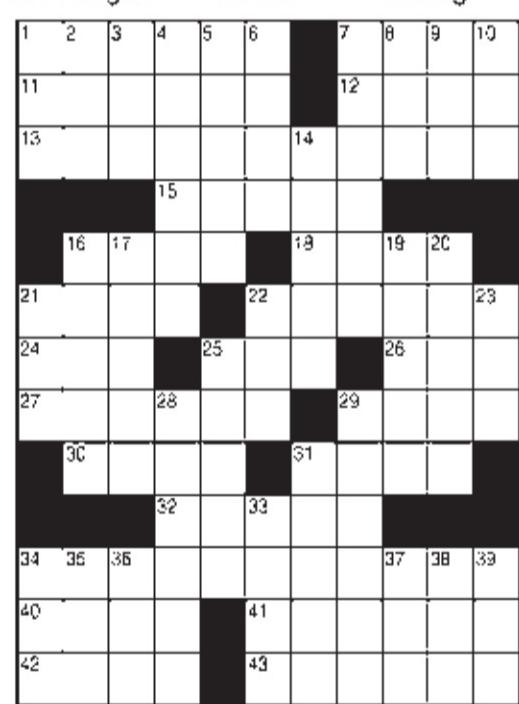
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A visitor tests a VR device at the TelcoDR booth during the Mobile World Congress 2021 in Barcelona, Spain, Monday, June, 28, 2021.

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**Pandemic-era Mobile World Congress tech fair kicks off****BARCELONA, Spain (AP)**

A major wireless technology trade fair kicked off in Barcelona on Monday with scaled-back attendance and beefed-up health and safety measures, changes that reflect the new reality for industry conventions in the pandemic era.

Mobile World Congress was canceled at the last minute last year because of COVID-19 concerns. Its 2021 revival makes it one of the few big trade shows so far to attempt a comeback even as the coronavirus pandemic continues to simmer in many parts of the world.

The show, known as MWC, is typically a glitz and well-attended affair, with tech and telecom companies setting up elaborate pavilions to unveil the latest mobile devices, schmooze clients and lobby government officials. But this year, the world's biggest mobile industry trade show is likely to be a shadow of its former self.

"Obviously, there is a huge difference from previous years. This show is going to be much smaller, much safer from a health and safety perspective," said Mats Granryd, director general of GSMA Association, which organizes the show and represents more than 750

mobile network operators. "We're taking a lot of precautions: Testing people regularly within 72 hours, no hands, everything is touchless."

Still, companies like Ericsson, Nokia, Intel, Sony and Qualcomm are staying away while South Korea's Samsung, the world's biggest mobile phone maker, is only holding a virtual device launch. Chinese tech giant Huawei, a major sponsor, is one of the few big names that will have a show stand.

Granryd said he's expecting 25,000 to 30,000 people from 143 countries to attend in person, a fraction of the more than 100,000 visitors from 200 countries in recent years.

Other visitors will be attending virtually, as will a third of the show's 350 speakers, including Tesla CEO Elon Musk.

At Barcelona's Fira Gran Via exhibition centre, visitors had their temperatures checked by staff at the entrance. Other safety features include COVID-19 testing, extra ventilation and one-way routes around the venue. Attendees use an official MWC app to flash the negative test result needed to get in. "My first impression is that I am very happy to be

back," said Lionel Anciaux, CEO of Brussels-based smart sensor company IOT Factory. Anciaux said he usually attends every year, "and last year without Mobile World Congress we really felt that we missed something in terms of finding new partners and also getting to know the new trends in technology."

The GSMA delayed the show from its usual February slot to buy time in the hope the pandemic would be under control by now. Granryd said they plan to move it back to February for 2022.

To help make the four-day show happen, Spanish authorities agreed to exempt exhibitors, attendees, sponsors and partners from travel restrictions that might otherwise prevent them from entering the country.

Spain eased COVID-19 restrictions on Saturday by scrapping a requirement to wear face masks outdoors, as long as people remain at least 1.5 meters (5 feet) apart. Masks remain mandatory indoors in public places and on public transport. Barcelona has hosted MWC since 2006 and last year's cancellation dealt a major economic blow to the city, with lost revenue for hotels, restaurants and taxi companies. □

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# Soderbergh, Cheadle return to Detroit in 'No Sudden Move'

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — During the pandemic, Steven Soderbergh has shot two feature films, released a pair of movies, written a sequel to his first film (1989's "Sex, Lies and Videotape"), re-edited some of his older movies (mostly for fun) and co-produced the Academy Awards.

It's an amount of accomplishment that really puts to shame the 1,000-piece puzzle some of us are still proud of assembling last May.

Yet at a time when much of Hollywood is going through profound change, Soderbergh has, like few others, seized an uncertain moment.

"I think it's fair to say that I'm the cockroach of this industry," he said smiling on a recent interview by Zoom. "I can find a way to survive in any version that I'm confronted with."

Soderbergh has averaged a film every one of his 35 years in movies, amassing a nimble, frenetic body of work spanning experimental iPhone indies ("High Flying Bird," "Unsane") to commercial crowd-pleasers ("Ocean's Eleven," "Erin Brockovich," "Magic Mike"). His latest, "No Sudden Move," nearly didn't happen. It was initially scheduled to begin shooting in April 2020. The pandemic scuttled those plans but by early fall, after he helped create return-to-set safety protocols, Soderbergh remounted it—albeit without one star, George Clooney, who withdrew out of health concerns for his asthmatic son.

Still, "No Sudden Move," which debuts July 1 on HBO Max, doesn't lack for stars. And while Clooney's presence would have reinforced a spirit of get-the-band-back-together, "No Sudden Move" remains a cousin to one of Soderbergh's most celebrated movies: 1998's "Out of Sight," the slinky, sublime caper adapted from Elmore Leonard.

That film opened in Miami sunshine but descended



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows director Steven Soderbergh, right, with actors, Don Cheadle, left, and Benicio Del Toro, right, on the set of "No Sudden Move."

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into wintery Detroit. Twenty-three years later, "No Sudden Move" returns Soderbergh to the Motor City with Don Cheadle, who memorably played Maurice "Snoop" Miller in "Out of Sight." Since then, Cheadle has co-starred in four more films with Soderbergh ("Traffic," the "Ocean's" movies). But he's front-and-center this time.

"This was designed as vehicle for Don, whether he wanted it or not," Soderbergh says. "Literally: I wanted to see this guy walking, walking, walking—and we parachute into this story."

"No Sudden Move" opens with Cheadle, as Curt Goynes, strolling through 1950s Detroit. Soderbergh and screenwriter Ed Solomon conceived of the film from the start as a heist movie with a trio of thieves brought together not unlike those in Robert Wise's electric 1959 noir "Odds Against Tomorrow." (That was one inspiration. The classic '70s crime film "The Friends of Eddie Coyle" was another.) But while working on the script, Solomon came upon the history of the automotive industry's efforts to avoid emissions controls.

"No Sudden Move" begins with three hired guns (Cheadle, Benicio del Toro, Kieran Culkin), but in a multiplying series of double-crosses, expands in scope to encapsulate some of

Detroit's original sins, a little like how "Chinatown" does for Los Angeles. The rest of the cast includes Bill Duke, Jon Hamm, David Harbour, Julia Fox, Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon and Ray Liotta.

"We were able to talk about redlining and community and the devastation of Detroit and the greed of the car manufacturers without proselytizing or hitting it on the head," says Cheadle. "It was all part of the narrative intrigue. It felt in a lot of ways like 'Out of Sight 2.0' or 1.0, 30 years beforehand—revisiting that kind of energy."

Cheadle wasn't necessarily eager to return to a film set at the time. But he also realized that if he didn't, a stuck-at-home Soderbergh would probably keep writing and sending him scripts. The director managed the shoot without incident by frequent testing in two mobile COVID-19 testing units that were personally paid for. The central cast and crew members were kept in a quarantine bubble.

"I know that I put Steven through some version of hell in my uncertainty about coming back," Cheadle says. "I lost family members to COVID. I was really gun shy about even leaving my house."

Cheadle smiles. "I also blame him for 'Contagion,'" referring to Soderbergh's

prophetic pandemic drama from 2011. "I think he's Patient Zero."

In April, Soderbergh led an effort to mount an in-person Oscars despite COVID-19 protocols. The telecast was handsomely shot, opening with a fluid tracking shot of Regina King, and it made an often impersonal ceremony warmly intimate. But it was also talky, with lengthy introductions and speeches, and one gambit to rearrange the final awards ended awkwardly. Overall, Soderbergh is pleased with the show. The broadcast did what it set out to do: pull off an in-person Oscars safely while experimenting with an often inflexible format.

"As far as I know, we're the first show in a long time where nobody ever got played off, and I'm proud of that. This is what happens when you hire the director of a movie called 'Let Them All Talk,'" he jokes, referring to his 2020 film for HBO Max, with Meryl Streep, shot largely on an ocean liner crossing.

But Soderbergh did walk away from the experience—a satisfying and unique one, he says—with a gnawing sense of a larger existential crisis for movies. Ratings, like they have for most pandemic award shows, plummeted. "I just look at it as a larger issue than the specifics of

what our show looked like, and that is: How do we make people care about the movies the way they used to?" Soderbergh says. "To me, this is the real question that needs to be confronted."

But the conditions, and the opportunities of streaming, are also ripe for a protean, fast-working filmmaker like Soderbergh. He recently shot his third film for HBO Max, "KIMI," a pandemic-set thriller with Zoë Kravitz. "No Sudden Move," a period crime film for adults, is very much the kind of movie that before the streaming flood gates opened would have been unlikely to get made.

"It's a really good time for somebody who makes things. I honestly would not like to be running these companies. Nobody knows what's coming. Nobody knows what's a cyclical thing as opposed to a real secular change," says Soderbergh. "I have a long history with Warner. We both seem to be in sync with the purpose of my deal which is for me to be really busy." Other things never change. "No Sudden Move" is Soderbergh's sixth heist film, a cycle begun with "Out of Sight" that includes the three "Ocean's" films and "Logan Lucky," a self-financed meta-heist movie in that it sought to pull one over on Hollywood, too. The genre, the director says, encourages a filmmaker to bring something to the table—to "style it up." "It's just made for the movies," he says.

As time wound down before Soderbergh and Cheadle had to leave for the Tribeca Festival premiere of "No Sudden Move," he wondered if returning to the scene of his first crime movie was pushing his luck. "I've had two really good experiences in Detroit and gotten out of there with two movies I'm really happy with," said Soderbergh. "The question is: Should I just let that go?"

Cheadle didn't hesitate. "Tee it up! Go to the well!" he encouraged. "Spin the wheel!" □

## Merlier wins Tour de France Stage 3 as top contenders tumble

**PONTIVY, France (AP)** — Early days in the Tour de France are always full of nervousness and crashes. What makes the latest a little different is that after just three days of frenetic racing two top contenders have already taken a hit. Last-year's runner-up, Primoz Roglic, tumbled in a crash on Monday in Stage 3 in the western Brittany region, a few hours after 2018 champion Geraint Thomas also hit the ground. Defending champion Tadej Pogacar was lucky enough to stay on his bike but was slowed in another pileup. Tim Merlier of Belgium escaped the chaos and powered to his maiden stage victory. Merlier, who is not among the favorites in the general classification, won ahead of his Alpecin-Fenix teammate Jasper Philipsen and French rider Nacer Bouhanni.

The final sprint was disrupted by another crash when Caleb Ewan's front wheel slid from under him on the final turn. He brought down Peter Sagan with him. Ewan, who won two stages last year, broke his right collarbone and abandoned



Slovakia's Peter Sagan, left, crashes with Australia's Caleb Ewan, right, during the sprint towards the finish line of the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 182.9 kilometers (113.65 miles) with start in Lorient and finish in Pontivy, France, Monday, June 28, 2021.

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the three-week race. Saturday's opening stage was marred by two big pileups — one caused by a spectator — and the latest brutal scenes prompted veteran sports director Marc Madiot from Groupeama FDJ team to lash out over the lack of safety on the road.

"Tonight, I don't want to see my son become a professional rider," Madiot said at the finish in the town of Pontivy.

"My wife does not want to see my son on a bike. It's been years that we are talking about (safety), we need to find solutions. It's not bike racing anymore."

One day there will be dead people."

Race leader Mathieu van der Poel rode safely at the front throughout the day and escaped unscathed to keep the yellow jersey he earned on Sunday with a blazing attack.

The narrow roads in the stage finale took a toll on

many competitors who crashed as the peloton rode at full speed. Roglic, went down about nine kilometers from the end.

He quickly got back on his bike but lost ground to his main rivals as his Jumbo-Visma teammates tried to pace him back to the peloton. Roglic lost 1 minute, 21 seconds and dropped to 20th overall, 1:35 off the pace.

With two time trial stages still to come and many stages in high mountains, it's way too early to say his bid is over for a maiden Tour win. But it remains to be seen how quick he will recover, with the first race against the clock coming as soon as Wednesday.

"Luckily, everything is still in one piece, nothing is broken," Roglic said.

He took another blow with the abandonment of experienced teammate Robert Gesink, who crashed out early in the stage.

"Not the best day for us, but we continue," he said.

Defending champion Tadej Pogacar was slowed a few kilometers further down the road following another high-speed pileup. □

## Indians' Josh Naylor breaks ankle in frightening collision

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**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Josh Naylor's hustle and heart will be missing from Cleveland's lineup for a while.

Naylor will need surgery after gruesomely breaking his right ankle Sunday in Minnesota during a frightening collision with rookie second baseman Ernie Clement.

Naylor, who has been a clutch hitter and bright spot for the Indians, smashed into Clement in the fourth inning of the Indians' 8-2 loss. Naylor was sprinting toward a shallow pop in right by Minnesota's Jorge Polanco when he hit Clement as the players were trying to make the catch.

The Indians said Naylor has a "closed" fracture and dislocation.

Naylor spent the night at Hennepin County Medical Center. He'll travel to Ohio

on Monday, accompanied by trainer James Quinlan and be evaluated at the Cleveland Clinic this week by foot/ankle specialist Dr. Mark Berkowitz.

The team did not give a timetable for Naylor's return, but similar injuries require up to two months to heal.

The impact with Clement spun Naylor, whose right foot was planted awkwardly underneath him. Naylor immediately reacted in pain, rolling around and pounding his fists into the grass while calling for help. His leg was placed in an air cast and the 24-year-old was carted off the field on a stretcher as his shocked teammates consoled Clement and gathered themselves.

"It was heartbreaking, man," catcher René Rivera said. "It's hard. A guy like

him, a nice guy in the clubhouse. Really a lot of energy, positivity and seeing him go through that was really tough. You could tell the whole dugout was really in shock."

Naylor, who was acquired by Cleveland last year in a trade with San Diego, has been steady contributor for the Indians this season. He's batting .253 with seven homers and 21 RBIs and made several big defensive plays.

The affable Naylor has played right field and first base. The Canadian has also become a fan favorite because of his all-out effort, attitude and for batting .714 (5 of 7) with a homer and three RBIs against the New York Yankees in last year's playoffs.

Naylor's injury is the latest blow for the Indians, who have been overrun with



Cleveland Indians' Josh Naylor (22) lies on the ground with a member from the Indians medical staff after colliding with teammate Ernie Clement to catch a ball during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Sunday, June 27, 2021, in Minneapolis.

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medical issues but are just 2 1/2 games out of first in the AL Central.

The club is also without reigning Cy Young winner Shane Bieber (shoulder), starters Aaron Civale (finger) and Zach Plesac

(thumb), slugger Franmil Reyes and Gold Glove catcher Roberto Pérez (finger).

Reyes could be nearing a return following a rehab assignment with Triple-A Columbus. □

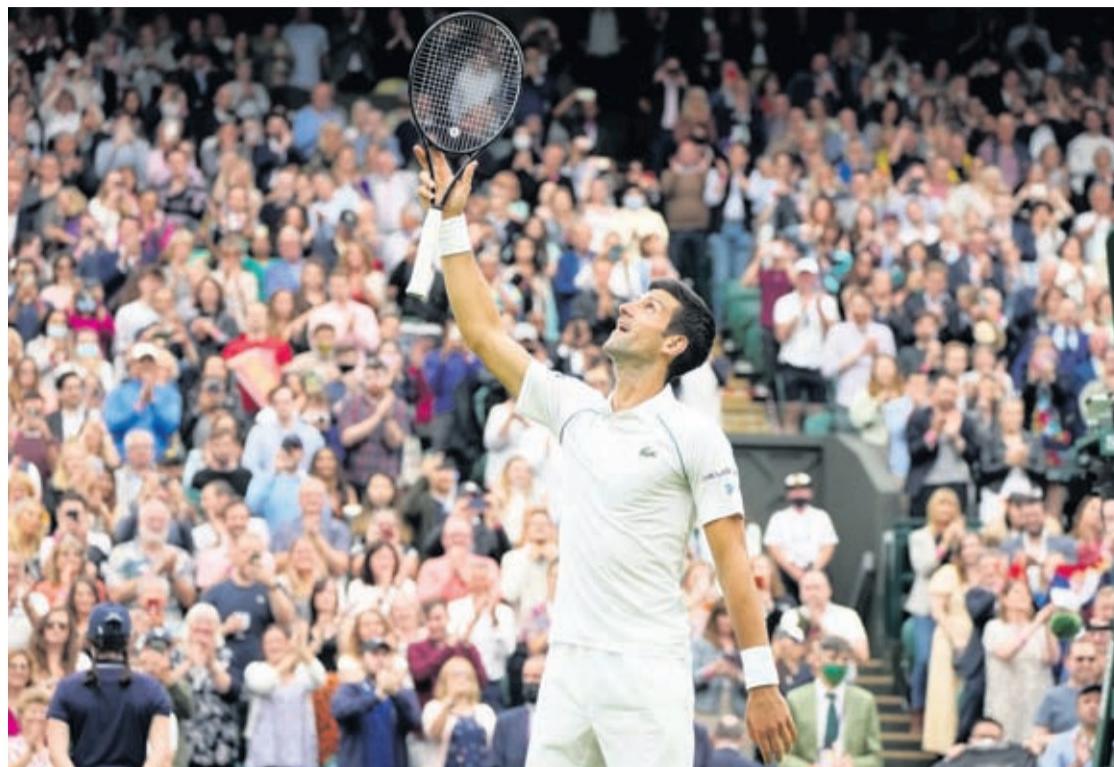
# Welcome back, Wimbledon: Slam returns to rain, fans, upsets

**WIMBLEDON, England (AP)**

— Shortly after 1:30 p.m. on Monday, two years minus two weeks from the last time a meaningful match was played at Wimbledon, a voice blared over the loudspeakers: "Good afternoon and welcome to Centre Court."

Then came an announcement welcoming "special guests in the Royal Box," including a woman who developed one of the COVID-19 vaccines, prompting the first of the day's several standing ovations from spectators. And, eventually, came the words, "We've waited awhile for this," before the introduction of Novak Djokovic and the opponent he would go on to beat 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 with the help of 25 aces, Jack Draper, a 19-year-old wild-card entry from England ranked 253rd.

It was, in some respects, as if Wimbledon had never left, as if the All England Club hadn't decided to cancel the oldest Grand Slam tournament for the first time since World War II a year ago because of the pandemic. There was raucous cheering from the stands. There was rain — so much rain that play on courts without a roof was delayed more than 4 1/2 hours and



**Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates winning the first round men's singles match against Britain's Jack Draper on day one of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Monday June 28, 2021.**

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at least 20 matches were postponed until Tuesday. And there was tennis — and reminders of how sports are unpredictable and can bring such joy and disappointment. A pair of Americans picked up the most newsworthy victories: Frances Tiafoe eliminated French Open runner-up and No. 3 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, while 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens beat two-

time Wimbledon winner and No. 10 seed Petra Kvitova 6-3, 6-4.

Tiafoe had been 0-11 against opponents ranked in the Top 5.

"That guy is special. He's going to do a lot of great things, win a ton of Grand Slams," Tiafoe said about Tsitsipas, then broke into a wide smile and added: "But not today."

He and Stephens are among 34 Americans in

the singles brackets (21 women, 13 men), the most at Wimbledon since there were 35 in 1998. Others who won on Day 1 included qualifier Denis Kudla, who knocked off No. 30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3; 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin, 2017 U.S. Open runner-up Madison Keys, Danielle Collins and Lauren Davis.

Other seeded men who lost: No. 19 Jannik Sinner of Italy and No. 27 Reilly Opelka of the U.S.

"Not playing last year was very, very disappointing, and it feels a little bit weird that there was such a big gap in between grass seasons. But to have a crowd and the size of the crowd that we had today — I, at one point, felt like it was back to normal," said No. 23 Keys, who beat British qualifier Katie Swan 6-3, 6-4 without facing a break point.

"It was just very, very nice to be back in a situation where you felt an amazing crowd," Keys said, "even if they were cheering, obviously, for my opponent and wanted her to win. It was just so nice to have energy and people who are excited to watch tennis."

The coronavirus still looms over the event.

Fans must wear masks around the grounds (although not while watching a match) and show proof they either are fully vaccinated or had COVID-19 in the past six months. All players and their entourages have to stay at one London hotel, where they take regular tests and are subject to contact tracing. Britain's only seeded woman in singles, No. 27 Johanna Konta, was forced to withdraw Sunday night because she must self-isolate for 10 days after one of her team members tested positive for COVID-19.

The top-seeded Djokovic got off to a slow start in his bid for a record-tying 20th Grand Slam title and sixth at Wimbledon.

It would have been so easy — so understandable, even — for Draper to be fazed by the moment and the opponent, the setting and the stakes, right away. This was his Grand Slam main draw debut, after all. But he stole the first break to lead 2-1 and wound up taking that set by saving 7 of 7 break points.

Djokovic took two tumbles onto his backside in the first set, losing his footing on the slick grass behind the baseline. This was his first competitive singles match on the surface since edging Roger Federer in the 2019 final.

"To be honest, I don't recall falling this many times on the court," Djokovic said with a laugh. "Well, quite slippery, whether it's because the roof is closed or it was raining quite a lot the last few days, I don't know." A 125 mph service winner gave Draper the opening set after 37 minutes. He shook his racket, then pumped his right fist. The crowd roared.

And two hours later, it was all over.

Djokovic cleaned up his act considerably, going from just six winners and nine unforced errors in the opening set to a combined 41 winners and 15 unforced errors the rest of the way.

"I'm really glad," he said, speaking for many, "that the sport is back." □

## Josh Rawitch to become president of Baseball Hall of Fame



This 2015 photo provided by the Arizona Diamondbacks shows Josh Rawitch in Phoenix, Ariz.

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Josh Rawitch will become president of baseball's Hall of Fame on Sept. 9 after spending 27 years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks and Major League Baseball Advanced Media.

Tim Mead left the Los Angeles Angels after 40 years to become Hall president on June 24, 2019, taking over from Jeff Idelson, who had held the job since 2008.

Mead announced on April 16 he was quitting in mid-May. Idelson returned as interim president May 15 and will stay on the job until Rawitch starts, the

Hall said Monday. The 44-year-old Rawitch was hired by the Dodgers in 1995, worked in the marketing department for five years and switched to the public relations department.

He worked for BAM from 2001-02, returned to the Dodgers and was vice president of communications. Rawitch is in his 10th season with the Diamondbacks, his sixth as senior vice president of content and communications.

Rawitch was the 2018 winner of MLB's 2018 Robert O. Fishel Award for public relations excellence.